
ORDINARY MEETING

OF

GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

Time: 9.15am
Date: Wednesday, 10 September 2014
Venue: Committee Room 1
Ground Floor, Council Offices
101 Wakefield Street
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NEXT STEPS WITH THE 2015-25 LONG-TERM PLAN

Purpose

1. This paper outlines the overall approach to developing the Wellington City Council's 2015-25 Long-term Plan and how the first phase on engagement will be undertaken.

Summary

2. The overall approach to developing Council's next long-term plan is focused on:
 - a. delivering on our vision of a smart and liveable city.
 - b. continuing to deliver the basics well, while managing risks at an acceptable level
 - c. increasing utilisation of our current services, while refreshing our offerings to maintain our strengths as a city and respond to people's changing expectations
 - d. investing in projects that will be a catalyst for economic growth, while delivering appropriate returns on our investment
 - e. enabling growth in a way that maximises our infrastructure investment, reduces sprawl and improves environmental performance as a result
 - f. driving continuous operational efficiency within the organisation, with a focus on shared services and improved customer experiences.
3. During September, we propose to engage with key stakeholder groups on the above approach and different scenarios to implement it. This will inform decisions related to the Financial Strategy and the subsequent steps in the planning process, as outlined in this paper.

Recommendation

Officers recommend that the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. Receive the information.

Background

4. Since the local authority elections last year, the Council has been focussed on addressing the priority areas of need within the city. Action the Council has taken includes agreeing to implement a 'growth agenda' built on the Big 8 Ideas and, through the 2014/15 Annual Plan, investing in key areas of need such as cycling infrastructure.
5. The recently presented 2013/14 Annual Report demonstrates that the Council is in good financial health, continues to deliver its core services to a high standard and is making significant progress on priority projects (such as the Housing Upgrade Project and improving the resilience of buildings and infrastructure in the city). Furthermore, we are already looking to address areas of under-performance identified in the report and invest now in strategic projects that are ready to go.

6. We've got all the ingredients to be a world-class city. We are doing well, but not as well as we could. Our economy isn't as strong as some other cities, which of course means fewer jobs, opportunities and less money to invest. Our quality of life is high on the back of past investments but we need to grow our income so we can sustain such investments and take even bigger steps towards our goals. Stepping up is possible - we've got the capacity to act. We've made a start already.
7. The long-term plan is the process to set in place the projects and budgets to achieve our goals for the city.

Discussion

8. A timeline with the key next steps in the planning process is attached.
9. The next step is to undertake early engagement on the above messages from 15 September 2014. Key components of this engagement include:
10. A series of stakeholder meetings, hosted by the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, as follows:
 - residents' organisations: Monday 15 September from 5.30pm
 - Māori organisations: Tuesday 16 September from 5.30pm
 - business organisations: Wednesday 17 September from 5.30pm
 - public session: Wednesday 24 September from 5.30pm.
11. In these sessions, participants will:
 - receive a presentation on the approach to the plan as outlined above
 - discuss scenarios for implementing the approach and the financial implications of each
 - be invited to work with the Council to engage their communities in the next stages of engagement on the plan.
12. In addition to this, we are proposing a range of communication activities including media stories and advertorial features, radio and supporting material.

Attachments

Attachment 1. Next steps in the planning process.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Consultation and Engagement

This paper proposes steps to be taken during the early engagement phase of the 2015-25 Long-term Plan.

Treaty of Waitangi considerations

Early engagement will include a session with Māori groups in Wellington.

Financial implications

There are no financial implications from this paper.

Policy and legislative implications

Adopting a Long-term Plan is a key requirement of our legislation.

Risks / legal

There are no significant risks for legal implications associated with this paper.

Climate Change impact and considerations

There are no significant climate change impacts associated with this paper.

Communications Plan

A communication plan has been developed for the Long-term Plan.

Attachment 1:

Wellington City Council 2015-25 Long-term Plan

Key next steps in the planning process

As at 3 September 2014:

September / October 2014	Establish strategic approach to the LTP with financial scenarios and discuss with stakeholders
September / October 2014	Review levels of service with current activities
November / December 2014	Develop first cut of LTP programme within financial parameters with consequential changes to policies and measures
January / February 2016	Agree and adopt draft plan for the city
March / April 2016	Consult on the draft plan
May / June 2016	Refine and adopt final plan